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## STUFF

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No time as yet to get an all-rededing issue out. Football season has three weeks left, however, so we should be able to do something about that once it's over. A couple of folks have inquired about how the season's been goin' for us . . . we have a young team this year - that means lots of sophomores and juniors in the starting lineup. The local paper here predicts how each school will do before the season opens. We were predicted to come in at 3-7. We are currently 4-3. Our last game was against North High, a team that had lost only once this year and was 3-0 in league play. We were 2-1 in league. We played them to a standstill; it was a really classic high school football game. We were behind 10-3 with 2:50 to go in the game. We scored a TD and elected to go for the win with a 2 point conversion. The attempted pass was on target but was batted down at the last instant by a North linebacker; so we lost 10-9. We are all but eliminated from any playoff possibilities, but we can still end up with a fine season. And next year all those underclassmen will be back . . .

(( This series was first published in BLACK FROG #29, Jan. '81 )) ASTROLOGICAL GUIDE TO DIP

## SCORPIO

(The Scorpion, 24 October to 22 November)

Men and women born under this sign have active minds, bodies, and police records. The Scorpio has a thing about sex. Crying out for love, but shoving it away when it comes. (Doesn't this choke you up?) Scorpio women are very giving by nature, which makes them much sought after by men who throw big parties. Scorpio men, on the other hand, should find happiness in the Armed Forces, since they are marvelous cheaters at craps and poker.

Scorpios live for sex, and while every good DIPLOMACY player is pretty fantastic in bed too, a single-minded devotion to sex at the expense of everything else means that the quality of one's game inevitably suffers. At the same time, they are compulsive winners and just as they hate to lose at love, they don't take kindly to being defeated -- much less stabbed -- in a game of DIPLOMACY. Watch out for the Scorpio in a temper tantrum after your stab -- he will do his best to get back anywhere! Crossgaming is very much a part of his standard repertoire.

Best Countries For Scorpios to Play: Germany, Russia

Easiest Signs For Scorpios to Beat: Virgo, Taurus

Best Zine For Scorpios to Play In: SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS

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"Hear you this Triton of the minnows?

mark you  
His absolute 'shall'?"

## THE GAMES!!!

1983?? MM-22 SPRING 1901 GAME DELAYED BY PLAYER REQUEST!

Two players have requested an extension for the S'01 move. Therefore, Spring 1901 will be due December 9, 1983. Preliminary orders on file for E,F,G,I,R,& T.

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1983F SUMMER 1903 Russian A Mos-r-STP

1983F FALL 1903 A/T vs. F/G WITH EVERYONE ELSE CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE? AUSTRIANS STORM MUNICH!  
Austria (Hare): A Rom-H/d/-r-Tus,Ven,OTB; F Gre-ION; A UKR-War; A MOS-s-A Ukr-War;

A Gal-SIL; A Boh-MUN; A TYA-s-A Boh-Mun.

England (Donop)\* NMR! F IRI, F LON-H; F Den-H/d/-r-Ska,Hel,OTB; A Lpl-H/d/-r-Edi,Yor,OTB.

France (Coburn): A Wal-LPL; F CLY-s-A Wal-Lpl; F ENG-Lon; F MAO-Iri; A BEL-H; A Mar-BUR.

Germany (Gardner): A Hol-RUH; F Nth-DEN; A KIE-s-F Nth-Den; F Ber-BAL; A LVN-s-A War;  
A WAR-s-A Lvn.

Italy (Cannon): A Apu-ROM; F NAP-s-A Apu-Rom; F Ion-Gre/d/-r-Adr,Alb,Apu,Tys,Tun,OTB.

Russia (Scheifler): F Bal-SWE; A StP-NWY.

Turkey (Schiwautz): A SEV-s-Austrian A Mos; A Bul-RUM; F Con-BUL(sc); F AEG & F EAS-s-Austrian F Gre-Ion.

Winter 1903 AND Spring 1904 due 12/9/83.

\*Would Jim Williams, 2500 6th St. SW, Altoona, IA 50009, please standby for England?

1983F 1903 Supply Center Chart

Austria- Home,Ser,Gre,Jun,Ven,MUN,MOS.....	(8)+1
England- Lon,Epl,Nff,Den.....	{1}-3 (unless A Lpl-r-Edi, then -2)
France- Home,Por,Spa,Bel,LPL.....	{7}+1
Germany- Ber,Kie,Mun,Hol,Edi,War,DEN.....	{6} 0 (unless Eng. A Lpl-r-Edi, then -1)
Italy- Rom,Nap,Tun.....	{3} 0
Russia- StP,Mos,SWE,NWY.....	{3}+1
Turkey- Home,Bul,Sev,RUM.....	{6}+1

1983F Press-

ANKARA-BERLIN: "It's not my fault".

BERLIN-WORLD: A fortune teller said there'd be blood in my future, and I knew the stuff on the crystal ball was fake -- chicken's blood really. She'd forgotten to brush the bird's feathers from her robes. Didn't mean I disbelieved her though -- and as you can see she was right . . .

TURKEY-RUSSIA: "Can we talk?"

RUSSIA-ENGLAND: My sincere regrets for this dastasteful act. If I am to survive, however, it is necessary. Perhaps a future meeting between us will yield better results.

ANKARA-VIENNA: "You certainly know how to hurt a guy or is it guys."

GERMANY-AUSTRIA: So sorry I didn't write old pal, maybe next season you'll get lucky.

TURKEY-ITALY: "If you don't cooperate I'll never be as big and strong as Austria."

BAKERSFIELD: Paul Gardner will be moving back to Washington shortly. His address there once again is: Paul Gardner, PO Box 283, Randle, WA 98377.

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1982HZ WINTER 1904 SEASONS SEPARATE AT PLAYERS' REQUEST!

France- Builds F MAR

Russia- No Adj

Germany- Builds A BER

Turkey- Builds F CON, F SMY

Italy- Disbands F Lyo, F Tun; A Tri-r-ALB, F Ven-r-APU

1982HZ Press-

MOSCOW-ANKARA: I hate to thwart your military advances, but there is an old Turkish saying: "Iku bakubi ala ippity babbity akbar." (Man who attacks his neighbor with sword shall die by his neighbor's sword).

ITALY-RUSSIA & FRANCE: HELP!

Spring 1905 due December 9, 1983. Preliminary orders on file for all.

1982IT SUMMER 1904 Italian F Ion-r-TUN

1982IT FALL 1904 FRANCE AND RUSSIA BIG GAINERS AS POPESS HOLLY LEAVES THE GAME!

Austria (Gorham): A Ser-Tri/d/-r-Alb,OTB.

England (Baldwin): F LON-Nth; F ENG-MAO.

France (Wilson): F Nwg-EDI; F BEL-Nth; F MAO-Eng; A Bre-PIC; ; A BUR-s-German A Boh-Mun.

Germany (Kelly): A BOH-Mun; A MUN-Ber; A KIE-s-A Mun-Ber; F HOL-s-A Kie.

Italy (Stowe):\* F TYS-Ion; F NAP & F TUN-s-F Tys-Ion; A TYA-Ven; A TRI-Ven; A Lpl-YOR.

Russia (Hugh): A Bud-SER; A RUM-s-A Bud-Ser; A Gal-BUD; A SIL-Mun; A BER-s-A Sil-Mun;

A DEN-Kie; F SKA-Den; F Swe-NWY; F SEV-Rum.

Turkey (Albrecht): F EAS-Ion; F GRE & F AEG-s-F Eas-Ion; F Ion-ADR; A BUL-Ser.

Winter 1904 AND Spring 1905 due December 9, 1983.

Holly Stowe regretfully informs us that because of certain problems which have recently surfaced in her private affairs, she has been forced to resign from this game. Thanks to Holly for resigning with a final set of orders. We wish you all the luck, Holly, and hope things straighten out for you so that we may see you in another game in these pages some day. Taking over the Italian position will be:

Paul Gardner, PO Box 283, Randle, WA 98377.

#### 1982IT 1904 Supply Center Chart

Austria- Vie, Ser	1	0
England- Lon, Eng, P/B	1	-1
France- Home, Spa, Por, BEL, EDI	7	+2
Germany- Mun, Kie, Hol, P/B	3	-1
Italy- Home, Tun, Tri, Lpl	6	0
Russia- Home, Rum, Swe, NWY, Bud, Ber, DEN, SER	11	+2
Turkey- Home, Bul, Gre	5	0

#### 1982IT Press-

BELGRADE: This is the most closed mouthed group of twits I ever played in a game with!

ENGLAND-ANYONE: -----\*

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#### 1981CT (JUST AMONG FRIENDS ORPHAN) WINTER 1909 E/F DRAW & ITALIAN CONCESSION BOTH FALL!

Austria- A Ser-r-ALB; disbands A Ven

Italy- Builds A NAP

England- Builds A LON

Turkey- A Sev-r-ARM; Disbands F Tri

France- Builds A MAR

1981CT SPRING 1910 VIENNA FALLS AS 7 ALLIED ARMIES TIGHTEN AUSTRIAN NOSE!

Austria (Johnson):\* A Vie-TRI; A BUD-s-A Vie-Tri; A ALB-s-A Vie-Tri.

England (Fassio): A Lon-DEN; F NTH-c-A Lon-Den; A Den-PRU; F BAL-c-A Den-PRU; A BOH-s-French A Gal-Vie; A Sil-GAL; A Mos-UKR; A Lvn-MOS; A SEV-s-French A Syr-ARM; F SKA, F NWG, F CLY-H.

France (Hanson): A Mar-PIE; A Tya-VEN; A TUS-s-A Tya-Ven; A Gal-VIE; F TUN-s-F Tys-Ion; F Tys-ION; F Ion-AEG; F EAS-s-F Ion-Aeg; F Rom-TYS; A Syr-ARM.

Italy (Williams): A Ank-Con/a; F Apu-ADR; A Nap-APU.

Turkey (Gorham): A Arm-ANK; F CON-s-A Arm-Ank; F Aeg-SMY; F GRE-Ion; A Bul-RUM; A SER-s-A Bul-Rum.

Fall 1910 due Dec. 9, 1983. There is another call for an E/F Draw. Please vote with your next orders remembering that "NVR"="Yes"! \*COA-Stan Johnson, 710 S. Hardy Dr. Apt. L203, Tempe, AZ 85281

#### 1981CT Press-

ENGLAND-FRANCE: Continued success against all comers, and rapid death to the Turk.

We should have this one wrapped up soon.

TURKEY-LONDON: Just what is it that you want to work on???

ENGLAND-ITALY: Jim, muchos gracias for your help, and I hope you continue to aid and abet your partners in crime.

AUSTRIA: Austria feels Italy is strong enough to guard his own centers now; so we are withdrawing from Venice. Good luck Paisanno!

ENGLAND-AUSTRIA: Nothing personal Stan. I personally have no desire for Austrian territory, but I need to keep the peace with my ally.

ITALY: Gnif! Chrint! Zeenor!

ENGLAND-TURKEY: Who knows, maybe now you'll have another ally to get pounded into the ground with??

1982CO SUMMER 1906 French A Par-r-PIC; Russian A War-r-MOS

1982CO FALL 1906 E-A-G DRAW FAILS BUT ALLIANCE CONTINUES TO PROSPER!

Austria (MacFarlane): A Boh-GAL; A War-MOS; A UKR-s-A War-Mos; A RUM-Sev; A BUD-Rum; A SER-s-A Bud-Rum; F AEG-s-A Con; A CON-s-Italian A Smy-Ank/NSO.

England (Olsen): F Edi-STP; F NWG & F BAR-c-A Edi-StP; F NWY-s-A Edi-StP; A BRE-H; F Lyo-WES; F SPA(sc) & F MAO-s-F Lyo-Wes.

France (Hugh): A PIC-Bel.

Germany (Swartz): A PAR-H; A MAR-H; F HOL-Bel; A Mun-SIL; A Ruh-MUN; F Ber-BAL; A Pru-WAR.

Italy (Palter): A SMY-s-Austrian A Con-Ank/NSO/; F Eas-ION; F Tys-LYO; F Wes-s-F Tys-Lyo/d/-r-NAf; Tun,Tys.

Russia (Johnson): A Mos-Ukr/d/-r-Lvn,OTB; A SEV-s-A Mos-Ukr; A StP-Mos/d/-r-Evn,Fin,OTB; F BIA-Rum; A ANK-Con.

Winter 1906 AND Spring 1907 due December 9, 1983. There is another call for an E/A/G draw.

#### 1982CO 1906 Supply Center Chart

Please vote with your next orders remembering that "NVR"="Yes".

Austria- Home,Ser,Gre,Bul,Rum,Con,MOS.....(9)+1

England- Home,Nwy,Bal,Por,Spa,Bre,STP.....(9)+1

France- ~~✓~~.....(0) OUT

Germany- Home,Den,Hol,Swe,Mar,PAR,WAR.....(9)+2

Italy- Home,Tun,Smy.....(5)+1 (was one short)

Russia- ~~✓~~,~~✓~~,~~✓~~,Mos,Sev,Ank.....(2)-3

#### 1982CO Press-

BAKERSFIELD: Stan Johnson has a COA: Stan Johnson, 710 S. Hardy Dr., Apt. L203, Tempe, AZ 85281.

GERMANY-FRANCE: I think you deserve a medal for "Hanging Tough"! Not a concession, but a medal (perhaps posthumously!)

CEDARHURST: God damned mailman!

FRANCE-GERMANY&ENGLAND: You boys put up quite a tussle and I've been overwhelmed. You'all did one hell of a job! I hope you'all find it easier going in the future - or - make your plans together, that always works.

RUSSIA-GERMANY: For someone who wants to cooperate against Austria your moves were mighty strange.

GERMANY-AUSTRIA&ENGLAND: I am voting for the E/A/G draw, how about you two?

FRANCE-BAKERSFIELD: Appy my NMR Deposit onto my subscription -- please.

BAKERSFIELD-FRANCE: Will do.

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1981D SUMMER 1913 German A Rom-r-APU, A Bel-r-BUR

1981D FALL 1913 ALL PROPOSALS FAIL! ENGLISH MONARCH FLEES THE SCENE!

England (Arnawoodian)\* NMR! A BEL, F TYS, F LYO, F BRE, F END, F HEL, F NTH, F NWG-all H; A Hol-H/a/; F Rom-H/a/; F Ven-H/d/-r-Apu,OTB.

France (CD): A PAR-H.

Germany (Langley): A STP-s-F Nwy; F NWY-H; A SWE-s-F Den; F DEN-s-F Kie; F KIE-s-A Ruh-Mol; A Ruh-HOL; A MUN-s-F Kie; A Ber-SIL; A Bur-MAR; A TYA-s-Turkish F Adr-Ven; A Apu-ROM; A TUS-s-A Apu-Rom.

Turkey (MacFarlane): X F Adr-VEN; A TRI-s-F Adr-Ven; F Ion-NAP; F Gre-ALB; F Eas-ION; F AEG-s-F Eas-Ion.

Winter 1913 AND Spring 1914 due Dec. 9, 1983.

\*I don't think it will be necessary to call a standby for Woody as he will be back in the country soon and I think the person who was supposed to turn in orders for him forgot to. Just in case, I'll ask Bill Highfield, 2012 Ridge Rd., East, Rochester, NY 14622 to standby for England.

#### 1981D 1913 Supply Center Chart

England- Home,Nwy,Por,Spa,Tun,Map,Mar,Vie,Bud,StP,Bre,BEL..(8)-1

France- Par.....(1) 0

Germany- Ber,Mun,Vie,~~✓~~,Bud,~~✓~~,Rum,Sev,Mos,War,Swe,~~✓~~,Den,StP,Rom,KIE,HOL,MAR,NWY..(16)+4

Turkey- Home,Bul,Gre,Ser,TRI,VEN,NAP.....(9)+3

(only room for 1)

#### 1981D Press-

Switzerland: With conflict between Turkey and England coming to a head over a German Supply Center, it is still not clear to our analysts just who is allied with whom.

1983AY Spring 1902 North explodes as south sleeps (right Ron)  
Turks heading for the Med.

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AUSTRIA (Stafford)	: F TRI-H ; A VIE-s-F Tri; A SER-s-F Tri; A BUD-s-A Ser
ENGLAND (Olsen)	: F Lpl-WAL; A LON-s-F Lpl-Wal; F NWY-s-R F Bot-Swe; F Nth-H/D/-r-Eng,Edi,Yor,Ska,Hol,Hel,OTB
FRANCE (Lucas)	: F Bre-ENG; F Eng-NTH; F Mar-SPA(sc);A Spa-GAS; A POR-H
GERMANY (Albrecht)	: F Ber-BAL;F DEN-s-F Eng-Nth;A Mun-SIL;A Kie-MUN; F BEL-H (enjoying local roetbier?)
ITALY (Arnawoodian)	: NMR A VEN; A TYA;F NAP: F TUN
RUSSIA (Brown; CAN.)	: F Bot-SWE;A Har-PRU; A Ukr-WAR; F RUM-H; A SEV-s-F RUM
TURKEY (Brown, USA)	: A BUL-s-A Gre ; A GRE-s-A Bul; F Bla-CON; F Con-AEG F Smy-EAS

FALL 1902 Orders due December 1, 1983 @ Mike Coburn 5201 Demaret #28, Bakersfield Ca  
93309, USA

Would Jim Bumpas, 4405 Dillard Rd., Eugene, Ore 97405 please stand-by for Italy.

I don't believe that a stand-by will be needed, as Steve was out of the country and had informed me that a third party would be sending in his orders this turn, but I'm going to cover my bets. MGC

1983ay PRESS:

FRA-ENG: Cuidado

FRA-ITALY: See, I am a person of my word. Trust me. Write me.

BER-MOS : The move to Silesia is pre-emptive to protect that portion of the homeland if I have misread your intentions, I shall withdraw A SIE to the west; if I have read your intentions correctly, I shall consider myself fortunate if stalemate in Silesia is achieved.

MOS-BER : I don't know why you insist on this. But, if war you want, war you'll get.

**WAR-VEN**: Do you get the feeling we're both about to be done in? How about a letter

## 1983GS WINTER 1901 EUROPEAN MUNITION FACTORIES POUR OUT NEW ARMS!

## Austria-Builds A VIE À TRI

England - Builids E ION-E EDI\*

#### **France Builds A PAR**

**Germany= Building KTB**

Spring 1903 due Dec. 9 1983

\*COA= Stan Johnson, 210 S. Hardy Dr., Apt. 1203, Tempe, AZ 85281

CON- Stan JG  
1083CE Program

1903CS Press  
LONDON.

LONDON: England wishes peace and cooperation with its neighbors in France and Germany.

1983CR WINTER 1901 OH WHERE, OH WHERE HAS MY LITTLE TSAR GONE; OH WHERE, OH WHERE CAN HE BE?!

Austria- Builds A BUD,A TRI	Italy- No Adjustments
England- Builds A EDI,F LON	Russia- NBR! Plays short.
France- Builds F MAR,A PAR	Turkey- Builds A SMY
Germany- Builds A MUN, A KIE	
Spring 1902 due Dec. 9, 1983.	

\*Would Phil Lahne, 12 Maple St., Sanford, ME 04073 please standby for Russia?

1983CR Press-

SWISS EMBASSY (LONDON): In response to requests for information from several nations, the Swiss embassy to London has announced that since the English prime-minister is illiterate that nobody should be duly alarmed over the lack of press or diplomatic communication from the British Isles.

SWITZERLAND: Has Austria been dismembered yet? Oh, we have another season to go. The Italian, Turkish, and Russian alliance looks pretty formidable but don't count Austria out. Is the pen mightier than the sword?

AUSTRIA-RUSSIA: I sure wish you'd listen to reason and leave me alone! You have Jack Masters to worry about in the north and Bill Schiwartz to get you in the south -- so why pick on me??

AUSTRIA-ITALY: You Turkey -- The Serbian Nationals are the elite guard of the Austrian Empire (I just promoted them) so why would they have a "long-standing pact" with a bunch of winoes? Reconsider your warring ways, my son. A 3-center Italy is a ~~x~~ laugher! (where are you going to build this year? tee-hee, tisk, chuckle).

AUSTRIA-ENGLAND: I declare war on England -- watch out Jack, here I come. I was just sitting around and didn't have anything to do anyway!

#### 1981AY FINAL STATS AND ENDGAME STATEMENTS

1981AY ~~MISPRINTING MINISTERS~~ (Ron Brown). Austria: Jerry Lucas (Draw F'10); England: Steve Hartman (Drop S'05) Jim Gray. France: Tim Winger. Germany: Jeff Albrecht (Draw F'10); Italy: John Lesch (Drop W'02) CD S'03) (OUT W'03); Russia: Richard Reed (Resign F'03) Mary Beck (OUT W'07); Turkey: Andy Halls (Drop F'05); Larry McCloud (Drop F'09); Bill Hugh.

#### 1981AY FINAL SUPPLY CENTER CHART

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	
A	4	4	4	5	7	7	10	11	13	DRAW F'10
E	4	5	5	5	6	3	4	3	3	
F	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	
G	5	6	6	8	9	11	8	11	11	DRAW F'10
I	4	2	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	
R	5	6	6	2	2	1	0	X	X	
T	4	6	8	9	6	7	7	5	3	

GM COMMENT: Congratulations to Jeff Albrecht and Jerry Lucas on their draw. This game had several interesting features. Worthy of note: Steve Hartman-Char and I met Steve at the old Fresno Wargames West Con (summer of '78) and first made his acquaintance there. He was one of the first Dip players I ever met FTF as this was only the 2nd con I'd ever attended. (This was also where I met Grabar, Shatto, and St.Germain for the first time!) Steve told me that if I did start a Dipzine like I was talking about considering, he'd sub and play in it - so Steve became a player when I began ~~MM~~. I can't recall for sure but it seems like he played in another previous game and dropped from Kit, too. He showed up in Hawaii and wanted a game. Alas, he dropped, but while he was in I'm sure he added quite a bit to the game. I'm fairly sure the fake letters that were flying around were Steve's (at least initially). Tim Winger turned in one of the most consistent performances ever witnessed on a DipBoard, holding 5 SC ~~x~~ 8 out of the 9 game years! John Lesch was also an early player in these pages - John was my ally in my very first postal Dip game, 77IE. Richard Reed the original Russian resigned because he was "concerned with hurting feelings and making people unhappy with themselves." It's true, and I've said it all along: DIP is not for everyone; it takes a certain type. Rich just wasn't the "type". Andy Halls certainly was! He did a super job with Turkey building it up to 9 SC in 1904(!) but then dropped from the game and the Turkish Empire was never the same. I thought Jerry played a particularly shrewd and clever game with one of the toughest to play nations -- Austria.

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## Austria - Jerry Lucas:

The game started out on an ominous note as I received correspondence from everyone except Italy, therefore, I suspected an attack on Trieste. England warned me of a Russian move to Galicia. To frustrate both attacks, I stayed in Trieste and blocked Russia. Luckily, I was able to get Turkey to agree to attack Italy. All worked out as expected and the game was started. This game was given additional dimension from fake letters. I received a fake letter from Russia. I originally thought that Germany was doing the fakes, then I thought that England was doing them. England accused me of spreading rumors to upset this negotiations, so I publicly confessed to the authorship of the fake letters even though I still didn't know who was doing them.

Initially, I was very concerned about the Russian. His letters and diplomacy were confusing. His early letters took a high-handed tone about telling me what to do. I blocked his first attempts at capturing Rumania by finally doing some faking myself. I prepared a fake letter from Russia to me, and then sent him a copy of it after making the blocking move. Meanwhile, Turkey was hell bent for leather after Italy. England warned me of Turkish intention for a Mediterranean campaign early in the game. The Italian failed to submit build moves in Winter '01 and was at a decided disadvantage with both Turkey and me headed for him.

Soon England was talking about attacking Germany who I had an early non-aggression pact with. I wrote two post cards to warn Germany. I guessed there was a Russian-English alliance forming. One post card went to Germany to warn him of English intentions. The other post card went to England via a friend in Florida where the Italian player also lived. This card told the Englishman that the Russian is leaking information about his attack. In his next letter to me, England expressed annoyance at Russia leaking his plans.

As a result, on the next move, Germany and England moved into position to eject Russia from both Norway and Sweden.

Things went easier from then on. The Italian player NRR'd in W'02 and Dick Martin failed to submit moves as a standby in Spring '03 ((he did but they arrived too late! -RB)) and was gone by the end of 1903. At this time Turkey was going strong and the Russian player resigned his position. Mary Beck took over for Russia and had difficulty establishing alliances and was down to 2 units by the end of 1904. She had just moved and changed jobs so being the generous player I am I helped her out by sending her post cards address to Ron Brown with suggested moves on them. All Mary had to do was sign them and mail them in. She was grateful for the help. I was eternally grateful. Sensing we were prolonging a bad situation, we arranged the elimination by 1907.

In 1906 Larry McCloud took over for my previously loyal Turkish ally. I had new problems. Could I trust him? We began an unsteady working relationship that was dictated partially by his strung out position, but after a few moves I was in position to stab and did in Spring '09. I did it with class though sending him a card warning of the stab from San Diego. I just forgot to tell him which game. Exit McCloud- enter Hugh who took over with 3 centers.

The game was a very enjoyable one. Ron Brown's gamesmastering was excellent even though he thinks a couple of promptly corrected minor mistakes were heinous. They were minor. The worst thing that happened in this game was the exit of Steve Hartman. Steve brought a great deal of fun and imagination to the game and his exit took a lot away from the game.

Tim Winger's France is worthy of mention. Under bombardment continually from both England and Germany, Tim survived to the end. This is probably the most remarkable achievement in the game. I view my draw as the result of some fortuitous NMRs by neighbors, but Tim's success was all his own.

Jeff Albrecht and I were successful because of a shared philosophy about central powers. If Austria and Germany fight, we believe they will be short lived. I believe it was Clausewitz who said that whoever controls the heartland of Europe controls the world. Well, in DIPLOMACY that split control should not be fought over but shared. Had the original players stayed in the game I would have tried for the win but the game had gone its course.

As Germany, Jeff had a more difficult time than me. He is an excellent player and I look forward to playing with him in the future, perhaps as enemies?

## Germany - Jeff Albrecht:

1981AY had a rather interesting beginning. As Germany, most of my beginning negotiations involved Steve Hartman (ENG) and Tim Winger (FRA). I was forced into an alliance with ENG when FRA decided to build two armies in 1901. Hartman proved to be a very interesting player.

1981AY (Con'd)

He always had one or two plots going supplemented with one or two sub-plots and other trickery. The beginning of this game saw several forged letters to two or three players; does anyone want to confess, now, to who was behind the forged letters? I really suspect that Hartman was behind the forged letters, but I have never been 100% sure. (I did receive one forged letter from further east later in the game.)

From the ~~gm~~ beginning, though, the Germans allied themselves with Austria. It was a strong alliance which proved to shift the balance of power to AUS and GER. At one time, the alliance wavered for a season or two; but the alliance was restored as Jerry Lucas got tired of listening to me beg -- I thought Tim Winger's cavalry had finally arrived for him. Jerry Lucas has my thanks for being the strong ally, a good sounding board, and an excellent correspondent; I have not worked with or ~~g~~ against a better DIPLOMACY player.

Tim Winger opted for war with Germany as his France built two armies in 1901. Germany's growth ~~happened~~ happened slowly due to the war with France and happened mainly in the north. Tim Winger proved to be a very worthy opponent as his defenses were never down. You play an excellent game, Tim.

All in all, the game was very enjoyable; but my perspective may to tainted.

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#### MACHIAVELLI NO. 52 SPRING 1454 WAR FOR CONTROL BREAKS OUT IN THE ITALIAN PENINSULA!

Milan (Hughes): A1 Pavia-A-Fornova; A2 Cremona-A-Milan; A3 Milan-A-Carinthia.  
Venice (Lowe): A1 Padua-S-Vicenza; A2 Verona-A-Vicenza; G1 Venice-Conv-F2 Venice; F1 Dalmatia-A-Croatia(sc).

Florence (Cannon): A1-Arezzo-A-Sienna; A2 Florence-A-Pisa; F1 Pisa-A-EastGLyo.

Papacy (Kettman): A1 Bologna-Conv-G1 Bologna; A2 Perugia-A-Sienna; A3 Rome-A-Tivoli;  
F1 Ancona-A-Romagna.

Naples (Kuszynski): A1 Bari-H; A2 Messina-Conv-G1 Messina; F1 Naple-A-GNap; F 2 Palermo-A-WesTyrRSea.

Turks (Palter): A1 Albania-A-Durazzo; F1 Durazzo-A-Ionian Sea; F2 Tunis-A-Wes Med.

Austria (Broshot): A1 Hungary-A-Slavonia; A2 Austria-A-Carinthia; A3 Tyrolia-H.

France (Scheifler): A1 Swiss-A-Turin; A2 Avignon-S-Turin; F1 Marseille-A-WesGLyo.

SUMMER 1454 due Dec. 9, 1983. The following Autonomous Garrisons are eliminated due to famine starvation: Saluzzo, Genoa, Modena, and Ferrara. Garrisons remain in Pionbina, Sienna, Savoy, Montferrat, Trent, Mantua, Lucca, Ragusa. An income reminder/clarification:

Player	Total Ducats in Treasury
Milan	4
Venice	8
Florence	4
Papacy	3
Naples	4
Turks	1
France	0
Austria	9

#### MACH #52 Press-

VENICE-MILAN: Greetings, my semi-Celtic neighbor! Hopefully you are aware of the red menace which waits at your borders, ill-fed and fueled by the mercenary bankers of the mountains. And, you would not be so unwise as to invade your good neighbour of the brown, myself. Take note that I extend the ungloved hand of friendship, but keep a good, strong sword by my side.

VENICE-FLORENCE: Greetings and felicitations also to those who also wear the brown, albeit of a lighter shade. We have great hopes that your eminences shall see fit to recall that we are your friends, distant though we appear by certain geography. As we have heard that you suffer greatly from crop failures, we take the liberty of offering you loans at a rate much lower than that of the portly barons of commerce to our north. Such loans can be extended for but little consideration, should you so desire.

VENICE-NAPLES: Greetings from others of commerce, your northern brethren! We wish to establish an exchange of information as to safe shipping routes in both our spheres and to nearby dangers.

VENICE-TURKEY: Let it be known that there are pirates to be found in the waters of the northern reaches of the Adriatic. Beware these areas, at risk of life and soul.

### WRAP-UP (briefly)

Well, time to get these devils run off ASAP and in the mail (hopefully by tonight! I apologize for the lateness of this issue (about 2 weeks). Therefore, a deadline extension will be necessary... The new deadline of all games herein will be:

DECEMBER 16th, 1983

If you are a standby player please look here to see if you have a call:

You are asked to standby in game \_\_\_\_\_ on pg. \_\_\_\_.

We've played two games since pg. 1 was typed. We won the first of those defeating East High 26-0. The following week we got trounced by one of the better teams in the state of California, West High by the score of 34-8. We didn't play nearly as well as we were capable although it's true we were pretty banged up from the last two weeks. Oh well, one last game this Friday . . .

Well, I'm going to stop right now so I can go run this off and get it to you! Goodbye!

If this is checked you owe some \$ - please remit \_\_\_\_\_

Your owe \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

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Hey \_\_\_\_\_,

DON'T FORGET ABOUT

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"It is too rash, too unadvise'd, too sudden;  
Too like the lightning,  
Which doth cease to be  
Ere one can say it lightens."

ROMEO AND JULIET MK II, ii, 118.

"These violent delights have violent  
ends."

ROMEO AND JULIET MK II, vi, 9.

"For violent fires soon burn out them  
selves;  
Small showers last long, but sudden  
storms are short."

RICHARD II, II, i, 34.

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